COUNTY LINES



MARCH 2005

TCOB MEETINGS

Commissioners

3/7 10:00 am Tippecanoe Room 3/21 10:00 am Tippecanoe Room

Council

3/8 2:00 pm Tippecanoe Room



Family, friends and enemies: Marcia Muller, R.N., Public Health Nurse for our County Health **Department**, states that it's late in the season, but the Center for Disease Control has released the flu vaccine that was reserved for children to be used on all ages. We still have a good six to eight weeks of flu season left and we have flu vaccine available for you. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET A FLU SHOT, the nurses at 629 N 6th Street will be giving the shots **FREE** to **anyone** that wants one. Please, call 423-9221 or 423-9222.

The Maintenance Department work orders are available in the Commissioners' Office. Please, complete one 72 hours prior to your need. Questions, call 423-9341.



DEL HANDY- We miss you already! Goodbye sounds so final. How about if we just say, "To be continued..."? Thanks for all the beautiful work you left behind. Enjoy your retirement and please don't be a stranger.

If you missed the Special Edition of January '05 County Lines (SUGGESTION BOXES & FEEDBACK), check it out on the Microsoft Bulletin Board.

ANNIVERSARIES:

25 YEARS
Carol Kuebler
20 YEARS
Shirley Babb
15 YEARS
Melinda Anderson
5 YEARS

Jack Fisher



THANK YOU!

NEXT NETWORK LUNCH:

Accounts Payable/Bookkeepers are invited to a FREE LUNCH at 11:30 March 23 in the Grand Prairie Room of TCOB. If you plan to attend, you must RSVP to Linda Horton in the Commissioners' Office no later than Monday, March 21, as we need a headcount for ordering lunch. Dave Eichelberger of **Christopher B.**

Burke Engineering LTD has generously offered to sponsor lunch from Aunt Orva's.



Tippecanoe County Chief Probation Officer Acknowledged in Manual Published in 2004

Chief Probation Officer Kipp Scott and the Tippecanoe County Probation Department were recently among the acknowledgements in the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) User's Manual published by Multi-Health Services Inc. Chief Kipp Scott compiled data collected through the use of the Level of Service Inventory - Revised (LSI-R) by the probation department. Data collected from Tippecanoe County, along with other data from across the U.S., were used to establish "U.S. norms" for offender's Risk/Needs levels. Organizations and individuals from the U.S., Canada, Singapore, and the United Kingdom contributed data and analysis in the preparation of the manual. In U.S. corrections, the LSI-R is one of the most commonly used offender assessment instruments.

The LSI-R is used by the Tippecanoe County Probation Department to develop client case-plans regarding supervision levels, and services, such as substance abuse treatment. The Tippecanoe County Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation were trained in January 2003, in the use of the LSI-R and the YLSI-R (Youth Level of Service Inventory-Revised).

TIP OF THE HAT- TO THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF CORRECTIONS



Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting and Conservation Workshop to be held March 8

Tippecanoe County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Annual Meeting and "Celebrate Conservation" Workshop will be held March 8, 2005 from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at the JS Wright Forestry Center, rural West Lafayette. The workshop will include breakout sessions about urban subdivision "green space" design, utilizing conservation easements, U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs, and backyard habitats. The SWCD supervisor election and business meeting will be conducted after lunch.

Bus transportation will be available for county officials and staff from TCOB at 9:15 am The bus will return after lunch in time to deliver county officials back to TCOB prior to the County Council work session. Additional information about bus transportation will be mailed directly to county officials and department heads.

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$5.00 each and include lunch catered by *Parrett's*. For more information about the event, pick up a brochure in the Commissioner's Office. You may also contact the SWCD office by calling 474-9992, ext. 3 or visiting the SWCD website at www.tippecanoeswcd.org.



SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 6-12



www.tema.tippecanoe.in.us

Please, participate in the statewide drill March 9th. Call 742-1334 with questions.

If you have information for COUNTY LINES, please email Linda Horton [horton@county.tippecanoe.in.us]

Any good ideas?
Place them in one of our suggestion boxes.



Nothing like a good book! Check out the Book Exchange in the Employee Lounge on the 2nd floor of TCOB. Or, maybe you have some to donate.





Thank your custodians and maintenance personnel.

A little appreciation goes a long way.





The County will be launching its newly designed website in the near future.

www.tippecanoe.in.gov

MEMO from Human **R**esources

Sagamore Network Update:

The Sigma Group is now part of the Sagamore Network. The Sigma Group formed after 21 physicians left Arnett Clinic. If you utilize a Sigma Group provider, the office co-pay should be \$10.

The Unity Surgical Center and Arnett Imaging Center are not part of the Sagamore Network. Sagamore has contacted both centers about becoming part of the network. Until the centers are part of the network, the centers will be considered non-network and paid 70/30 after deductible.

New Deferred Compensation Provider:

State Auditor Connie Nass has announced that Great West Retirement Services will be the provider of the State of Indiana's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan effective April 1, 2005. The County's deferred compensation plan is part of the State's plan. If you participate in the plan, you should be receiving information very soon.

The Benefit Fair was a huge success, attended by more than 350 employees. For a list of who received the door prizes, check the Microsoft Bulletin Board or call **HR**.

Lafayette Adult Resource Academy's

15th Annual Spelling Bee for Literacy hosted 30 teams the afternoon of February 26th and 6

of those teams were county employees. **Thanks to Court Services** for sponsoring our spellers! Let's have a rousing round of applause for:

COURT SERVICES (Kelly Bush, Ellissa Willis, and Kerrie Douglas) Stumped in the 2nd round by SUBSEQUENT

TEEM PROBASHUN (Dianne Kearns, Scott Angstadt, and Mike Lee) Stumped in the 3rd round by SALAMANDER

MAXIMUM SENTENCE (Laura Zeman, Michael Sullivan, and Kim Funk) Stumped in the 4th round by NONNEGOTIABLE

DRUG COURT TEAM (Faith Norton, Kim Stacks, and Becky Giorgini) Stumped in the 5th round by CHRYSALIS

JUVENILE BEE-LINQUENTS (Rebecca Humphrey, John Akers, Donita Navarra) Stumped in the 6th round by PEDESIS

*B*³ (*B-CUBED*) (Bianca Bullock, John Burns, and Pat Burns) lasted until the 8th round, going out on BLATHERSKITE, placing 5th out of 30 teams!!!

T-H-A-N-K-S again to Cindy Houseman & Staff, as well as everyone else who participated in this worthy fundraiser.



Tippecanoe County Leadership Program Spring 2005

Fifteen of the county's elected and appointed officials have been participating in a county-sponsored leadership program since mid-January this year. The Tippecanoe County Leadership Program is based off of the community Leadership Lafayette program. Session topics include: learning styles, communications, creative problem solving, working toward agreement (consensus vs. collaboration), conflict management, and ethical leadership. This year's session is expected to wrap up April 5. Way to go! From back left to right: Kipp Scott, Sallie Fahey, Tracy Brown, Frank Cederquist, Linda Phillips, Laurie Wilson, Bryan Metzger, Pat Scowden, Randy Fairchild, Diane Hawkins, Rebecca Humphrey, DeAnna Sieber, Tim Wells, Nancy Moore, Christa Coffey